

HOUSE RESOLUTION 411

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION honor and congratulate Monette Bryant upon her coronation as Mrs. Tennessee America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative Tennessean is Monette Bryant of Antioch, who became the first African-American woman to be crowned Mrs. Tennessee America on May 1, 2010 in Jackson, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this magnificent title, Mrs. Bryant has also earned the privilege of representing Tennessee this September at the Mrs. America Pageant, held in Tucson, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in the state that is known as a place for lovers and the home of the world's largest naval station, Monette Bryant moved to Atlanta after college and then later to Chicago; and

WHEREAS, a talented and astute businesswoman, Mrs. Bryant serves with acumen and alacrity as a banking specialist with Regions Bank's Sports and Entertainment Division; and

WHEREAS, an active and important member of her community, Monette Bryant graciously donates her time and energies to teaching high school students valuable entrepreneurial skills through the Middle Tennessee Junior Achievement Program; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bryant's pageant victory is a special source of pride for her husband, Jonathan Bryant, a C-130 pilot and member of the Air National Guard in Nashville; her children, Cameron and Alana; her family; her many friends; and the good people of Antioch who are deeply proud of this remarkable woman and her many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Monette Bryant has attained excellence in many fields of human endeavor, truly showcasing the versatility of the contemporary American married woman, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Monette Bryant upon her coronation as Mrs. Tennessee America and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.